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COMING FUN AND FRUSTRATION

Mar. 25-26 CQ WPX Contest, SSB
27 NCCC Club Meeting, AS&L Bldg,
Hayward; 7:30 p.m.
Apr. 8-9 Open CD Party, CW
11 NCCC Maxi-Test, 6:30 p.m.
15-16 Visalia DX Convention
15-16 Open CD Party, Phone
24 NCCC Club Meeting, Allstate
Savings and Loan, San Mateo,
7:30 p.m.

CONTEST CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER

In the words of the famous phone patcher and rag chewer Wong Num Ber, "Thank God the DX contests are over." At 1. As we survey the damage, we see that our PG&E bills have taken a large jump in the months of February and March. The neighbors have stopped waving hello as you drive to work in the morning. The ham down the street was seen at HRO buying a bigger linear. And, the inscrutable JA's are even now filling out the QSL cards that will clog the bureau until next January.

Life goes on, however, and the DX contest scores keep increasing. Let's take W2PV, for example. That station only made 13 MILLION points! A mere pittance by cosmic standards, but indeed a fine score. Can the West Coast ever hope to equal scores of this magnitude? I used to be of the opinion that the West would have a chance in ARRL DX once the conditions got better. Well, they did--and we got wiped. To make the ARRL DX test fair, we would have to perform surgery upon the Earth so as to stretch Europe around until it touched Hawaii. Then, perhaps, we could work 90 countries on 80 meters as they did at PV. I am convinced that there are as many Italians on the air as there are JA's. (I'd rather work JA's.) Perhaps a re-evaluation of the scoring system would make the contest more competitive.

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PRES... PROC...

Greetings to all of you fellow NCCGers once again. The four weekends of the ARRL DX Competition are under our belts, and the NCCC has done a good job. Unfortunately, conditions on the East Coast were better, and some absolutely incredible scores were made back there. Many records have been shattered, but we still need better conditions to lead the East. Conditions improved enough to allow the JA's to run East Coast stations and vice-versa on all bands, and also improved enough to allow us to run some EU on 10 meters. It still seems that our 1980 goal is quite possible. Let's keep our planning and building on the move and look forward to 1979 and 1980. Congratulations to all of you for the outstanding efforts this year. I am sure that our club will finish high in the standings.

A full house at the February NCCC meeting in San Mateo heard a good program by W0AW, John Doremus, on propagation. The club still has a few of the 21-page propagation handouts available if you did not receive one. Many thanks, John, for the timely program. N6BT had a program short subject on how to quickly and painlessly install a PL-259 onto a piece of coax--thanks to Pat, WA7NIN, for the original instruction. Guests included K4VX from PVRG and W4BP, one of the ops at W3AU. The March meeting will be at Hayward, and let's jam that room, too.

The BoD meeting for March featured preliminary election suggestions and awards programs. Those members who have been so noted for BoD positions are the following:

President--N6SF, N6TU.
VP/CC--N6VV, WA6VEF, WB6DSV, WB6UOC.
Sec./Treas--W6LH, N6IG, WA6DGX.
Directors--K6XO, W1ARR, N6IG, K6RM,
N6KB, N6VV, WA6DIL, N7MH.
JUG Editor (this is not an elected position)--K6XO, N6QR, WA6ITV, WB6JGS,
N6OP (while stateside), WA6DIL.

Those of you who are interested in these positions, whether or not your call has

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PRES... MESSAGE (from Page 1)

been initially included in this list, please contact me ASAP. Elections are in April, and that will be before we know it. The new officers and BoD have many challenges ahead of them.

Two awards programs were defined and approved. Beginning with this year's (1978) ARRL DX, engraved plaques will be awarded to the following club-high stations on each mode: a) Multi-single; b) Multi-multi; c) Single-op; d) Hi-band; and e) Low-band. (Also, don't forget to run those JA's for the 1978 NCCC JA/Band/Mode certificates.)

The second award decided upon is one to last each of us a lifetime and build upon. Initial achievement, or entry, will be awarded a Master NCCC Pin. Each additional achievement will be a device to attach onto the Master Pin or previous device. Achievement will be based on performance in each of four contests--ARRL DX, CQWW, All-Asian DX, and, of course, SS. The achievement level, or goal, will be defined before the appropriate contest, taking into account past performances and present conditions. All those members reaching or surpassing this goal (or others at the discretion of the BoD), will receive either the Master Pin and appropriate contest device (for first time) or only the appropriate contest device, if the member already has the Master Pin. This program will begin for all contests in 1978 and, consequently, the 1978 ARRL DX will be judged after-the-fact. All other goals will be printed in the JUG prior to the contests.

The formal designs for the achievement pins have not been approved. Those of you with suggestions and/or artistic abilities, please submit your ideas quickly so that we can solicit bids on the molds. These will be castings, not plastic! After all, the BoD feels that if you are a member of a top-notch club, the awards should be top-notch, also.

We have a problem with our second-class postal permit and may lose it due to some previously unknown requirements. In the event that we must revert to first-class postage (which most of you wanted anyway), the club dues may be raised slightly to cover this cost. The difference will cost the NCCC about \$250 per year.

Hope to see all of you at the March meeting--bring your scores, rate sheets, etc., from ARRL DX, and let's have some

fun! Take care and 73,

Tom N6BT

P.S. SS claimed scores will not appear in QST--no room. Also, rumor has it that, due to a lot of pressure from at least Frankfort RC, all disqualified stations/ops in the 1977 ARRL DX have been un-disqualified.

CHATTER (from Page 1)

Until I can come up with a better system, I am content to be runner-up in DX but No. 1 Butt Kicker in Sweepstakes. To all those who survived, a hearty cheer. Remember to submit your score for Nor Cal Contest Club postmarked by APRIL 17th.

What's Next?

Warm up your keyers cuz the Open CD is just around the corner. The April 8-9 CD CW is open to all League officials and members. Most of the guys will be on for this one, so square off with someone and kick his Butt.

April 11th is a Tuesday, so turn on your rig at 6:30 p.m. and get in on the NCCC Maxi-Test. The April test will be FONE. Come and join the fun.

April 15th marks the dreaded Visalia DX Convention. If you have not received info, you can make (or try to make) a room reservation at the Airport Hilton, Visalia. Pre-registration can be had by contacting the Southern Cal DX Club or Frank Cuevas, W6AOA. Lots of folks will be there. The Contesters may even get to participate this time.

Open CD phone occurs on April 15-16. Many will be attending at Visalia, so those who stay home can have a field day.

I close this column with, "Welcome to new members N6QW, WD6FGA, WB6STW, and K6CLV." May the Bird of Paradise expectorate upon thee, and defecate upon thy new KLM 40.

73's de N6TU

ROSTER UPDATE

Here are some corrections to be made in the roster you received last month:

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Richmond, CA 94805
(H) 415-234-2855

N6RO--address is Route 2, Box 177C, instead of Route 2, Box 1776. N6LC--last name is Lenny, not Lenney. WB6ION--address is 8629 Robin Lane, rather than 3629 Robin Lane. W6XR--telephone is 931-6014, not 934-6104.

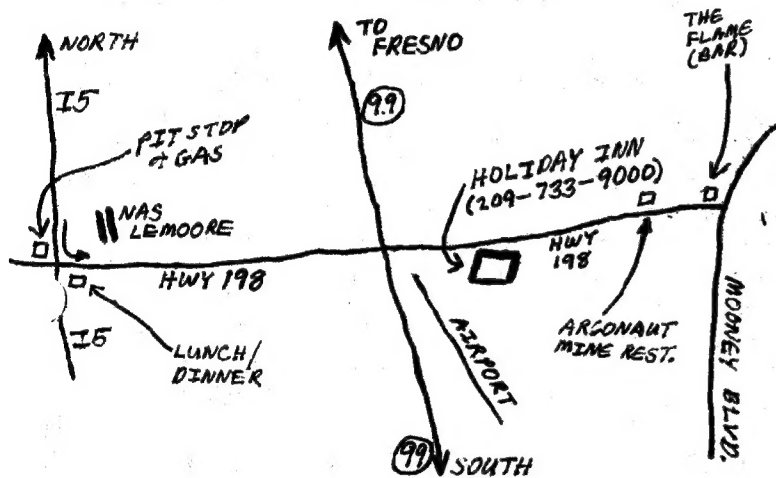
VISALIA BY GREYHOUND

The Visalia DX Convention is happening this year on April 15th and 16, and the NCDXC charter bus service will again provide transportation from the Bay Area to the Convention and return. The price is \$20 per person round trip, which includes booze, soft drinks, and snacks. Among those currently on the list for the ride are W1YL, OH2BH, and EA8CR, plus the usual run of NCDXC/NCCC members.

As there are only 12 seats left on the bus, reservations should be made ASAP through Jim Maxwell, W6CF, at 408-742-8273 (work) or 408-353-2094 (home). Checks should be made out to NCDXC.

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For those planning to drive to Visalia, here's the quickest way to get there:



Take I5 south to 198, then east thru Hanford to Visalia. (Watch for aircraft Smokeys on I5!) The Holiday Inn, site of the Convention, is next to the airport. For the best repeater coverage, use 146.34-94.

-K6OZL-

ARMED FORCES DAY: MAY 20th

...Ah, the thought of using rhombic antennas and running multi-kilowatt transmitters. Well, the dream can become a reality. At the invitation of the United States Navy, NCCC is sending a contingent of operators to Skaggs Island on Saturday, the 20th of May, to participate in Armed Forces Day, using the callsign NPG to establish contact with other amateur radio operators. If you're interested in joining this NCCC expedition, contact Bob, W6RGG (537-6704).....Congratulations to Paul, WB6UOC, now the holder of an Extra Class ticket.....WB6DSV is the new chairman of the California QSO Party.....N6VV has been appointed to the CQ Contest Com-

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mittee.....A chairman is needed for the NCJ-sponsored North American Sprint. All interested persons should contact Rusty, W6OAT.....A feature of this year's Visalia DX Convention is a no-banquet registration category. The price is only \$3All those who now hold secondary callsigns will have to give them up come renewal time. Only one to a customer, or so says the FCC.....N6TU will soon have a new 80 meter sloper system playing.....KB

NEW FACES IN THE CROWD

A roar of "WELCOME" is in order for these new members of the NCCC:

WB6STW Dan Curry
1405 Marshall Street #216
Redwood City, CA 94063
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WD6FGA Keith Szot
555 Westwood Court
Vacaville, CA 95688
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N6QW Dennis Egan
450 So. 16th Street
San Jose, CA 95112
(H) 408-295-8413
(B) 408-275-7737

K6CLV Don Artru
570 Zephyr Circle
Danville, CA
(H) 415-820-1300
(B) 415-685-7050

Dan, WB6STW, is 26 and has a Technician Class ticket. Station equipment includes a Heath SB-101 and HW-2036. He operates 100% CW and 0% phone.

Keith, WD6FGA, is 12 years old and holds a Technician license. He uses an Icom IC-22S and an 11 el 2 meter beam. Contest experience includes the June VHF QSO Party and January VHF SS. Keith operates 100% phone.

N6QW, Dennis, is 26 and has an Extra Class ticket. Station set-up is a Drake line and TA-33, with wires for 40, 80, and 160. Dennis has operated in the CQP for the last three years from Nevada County, and has been in other "random contests," including the 1977 SS. His old call was WB6HWQ.

Don, K6CLV, is 37, a General, and has been licensed for 25 years. His station consists of a Drake B-line, 3 element tri-bander, and vertical on 40. Don operates 90% CW and 10% phone, and has placed first in the SCV Section in the SS. Other awards include DXCC (180/130) and WAC.

ARRL DX SCOREBOARD

Phone

All Band, Single-op

N6BV.....	2113	271
N6QR.....	2088	254
K6HNZ.....	+1700	128
K6HIH.....	300	108
W6DPD.....	47K	

Multi-single

WA7NIN (+N6SF, WB6DSV,	3635	327
N6BT, K7OX, and N6TV)		
N6TU (+N6KT, WA6VEF, N6LC, ..	2801	315
WLARR, WB6SHD, and K6RM)		
WA6JUD (+K6XO and WA6DGX)...	2641	268
K6XV.....	2535	253
W6YL (WD6DBM, WA6HCI,	1840	157
WB6YJC, and WD6CHF ops)		
W6BIP (+WA6DJI).....	1710	139

Multi-multi

W6YX (N7MH, W6TPH, W2JU, ..	3150	282
WA6ITV, and WA7USX)		

High Band

N6RZ.....	141	67
K6KLY.....	143	62

CW

All Band, Single-op

N6RO.....	2540	296
K6DQ/6 (after 1st wknd).....	1119	161
N6JV.....	1575	234

Multi-single

W6XR (+ N6QR).....	2650	309
N6OP (+ K6ZM, N6TV, N6LC, ..	2329	276
K6CLV, WA6VEF, WA6DGX,		
N6ZX, K6STI, and N6SF)		
N6IG (+ WB6UOC, WB6QFQ,	2275	238
N6NE, and N6DA)		
K6RU (+ K6XO).....	2130	235

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Multi-Multi

W6YX (W2JU, N7MH, and2551	256
WA7USX ops)	

Low Band

N6BT.....	1184	102
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High Band

WLARR/6.....	1415	170
N6RZ (WB6SHD op).....	1501	154
WB6DSV.....	1200	150
K7OX (after 1st wknd).....	904	105
WD6AGJ (low power).....	800	70
W6LH (WA6HJV op).....	131	20

NCCC Tuesday Night Net QNI For February: 4) W6YX (N7MH), K6XO, WA7NIN, W6TPH, and K6HIH. 3) WB6DSV and WA6VEF. 2) N6DA, K7OX, N6VV, N6KT, N6RO, WB6UOC, WA6JUD, and N6BT. 1) W6RGG, N6TU, W6UA, WA6DIL, K6STI, N6VR, WA6HJV, WB6DHH, and K6RM.

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